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Dear Sir:

Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56

Preliminary to the examination of this application, the applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached copy of form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of each of the listed references are submitted herewith.

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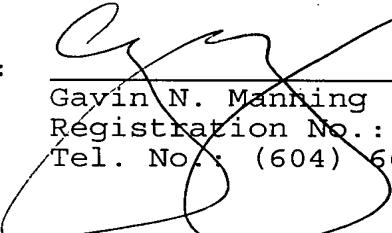
documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

37 CFR 1.97(e) Certification

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Respectfully submitted,

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